

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 2167**

Docket Number  
90606.3/wa

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Akitoshi NAKAJIMA et al. Application No.: 10/743,457 Confirmation No.: 8150 Filing or 371(c) Date: December 23, 2003 Title: SPLIT TYPE CONNECTING ROD	Art Unit: 2167  Examiner: C. Kim
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.